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SUBJECT: EXTRICATION OF BELEAGUED AMERICANS

1. APPRECIATE YOUR 258228 AND 258985 RE ST. GEORGES AND OTHER EXTRICATIONS. IT WONT SURPRISE HIS FRIENDS TO KNOW THAT EVACUATION OF AMERICANS DUE PRINCIPALLY TO SECURITY OFFICER TELFORD. ASSISTED BY HIS DEPTUY JARRELL, HE ORGANIZED ALL OF THEM. TOUGHEST WAS EVACUATION CAPUTO FROM TRAD HOSPITAL. THIS WAS CARRIED OUT BY LT. COL. BRAUN, REGIONAL MARINE COMMANDING OFFICER, WHO ALSO EVACUATED AMERICANS FROM HOTEL EXCELSIOR, JUST ACROSS FROM ST GEORGES. REASON TELFORD NOT INVOLVED WITH TRAD WAS THAT HE WAS ALREADY ENDEAVORING REACH RSC IN LEBANESE APC. THIS REQUIRED NOT ONLY COURAGE BUT ALSO NEGOTIATIONS TO GET LEBANESE DRIVERS TO DO THE NECESSARY. TELFORD EXECUTED ST. GEORGES EVACUATION. DRIVER FOR TRAD, ST. GEORGES AND EXCELSIOR WAS ZOHER MOGRABI, WHO HAS BEEN AMBASSADOR'S DRIVER FOR SOME EIGHTEEN YEARS AND WHO VOLUNTEERED WITHOUT HESITATION. VEHICLE WAS MY ARMORED LIMOUSINE WHICH HAS BEEN WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD DURING THIS ENTIRE PERIOD.

2. FINALLY, WISH MENTION DEA AGENT MIKE HOLM, WHO VOLUNTEERED HELP RSO AND WITH JARRELL HAS REPEATEDLY RISKED LIVE IN MAINTAINING CONTACT AND EVACUATING AMERICANS FROM CHARLES AND PHOENIX HOTELS. GODLEY

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